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AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR ENERG ID VS
SUBJ: ENERGY: GOI-GVN CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE

REF: A. SAIGON 13837 B. STATE 243995 C. JAKARTA 13538
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1. IN MEETING WITH GVN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPRESENTATIVE NANG NOVEMBER 8, EMBOFFS RAISED QUESTION OF GOI-GVN BILATAWAL TALKS ON CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE, SUGGESTING THAT INQUIRY BY FNNG MIGHT GET DISCUSSIONS MOVING (REFS A AND B). NANG REPLIED THAT OVER MONTH AGO, ON INSTRUCTIONS, HE GAVE NOTE TO FOREIGN DEPARTMENT ASIA PACIFIC DIRECTORATE CHIEF BRIG GENERAL ADENAN INFORMING GOI THAT GVN PREPARED TO SEND TEAM WHENEVER INDONESIANS WISHED, BUT HAD SO FAR RECEIVED NO ANSWER.

2. NANG STATED HE RECENTLY REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH IR. ARNONDO, ACTING CHIEF STATE OIL COMPANY (PERTAMINA), WHOSE OFFICIALS HEADED INDONESIAN SIDE OF EARLIER BILATERAL. EMBOFFS RECOMMENDED THAT NANG WRITE A LETTER TO PERTAMINA CHIEF GENERAL IBNU SUTOWO (PRESENTLY IN U.S.) STATING VIETNAMESE WILLINGNESS TO SEND A TECHNICAL TEAM, AND ATTEMPT DELIVER COPY OF LETTER TO MAJOR GENERAL SOEKAMTO SAJIDIMAN, CHIEF PERTAMINA'S FOREIGN CONTRACTORS DIVISION AND FORMER CHIEF GOI CONTINENTAL SHELF TEAM. NANG APPEARED TO AGREE THIS
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APPROACH WOULD BE USEFUL.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY WILL KEEP IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH NANG TO ASCERTAIN OUTCOME HIS EFFORTS, AND WILL CONTINUE USE OPPORTUNITIES TO URGE THAT GOI TAKE POSITIVE STANCE. AIR MARSHAL SOEDARMONO'S LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF NANG'S AOEPORTEED EFFORTS WITH FONDEPT (REF C) MAY SIMPLY REFLECT LACK OF COORDINATION WITHIN GOI (AN ENDEMIC PROBLEM), ALTHOUGH NANG'S SOMEWHAT UNSTABLE CHARACTER (HE CLAIMS TO FEAR FOR HIS LIFE IN JAKARTA AND CONTRADICTS HIMSELF FREQUENTLY) MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO JUDGE ACCURACY OF HIS STATEMENTS.

4. FOR AMEMBASSY SAIGON--ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE, AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE, RESPONSE TO OUR REF D AND DETAILS AND LOCATION OF RECENTLY REPORTED (10/29) PECTEN SHELL OIL/GAS DISCOVERY.
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